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For: **COMPOSITE PARTICLES, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PIGMENT, PAINT AND RESIN COMPOSITION USING THE SAME**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim 53 for corresponding claim 53 previously presented. A copy of the amended claim 53 showing current revisions is attached.

A1 53. (Amended) A pigment comprising the composite particles defined in claim 1.

REMARKS

Claim 53 is amended to delete the multiple dependencies.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."